

BROOKLYN DIAMOND ROBBERY MYSTERY.

Mrs. Utter's Jewels Were Stolen Thursday Night and Returned Four Days Later.

Discovered by Her Little Son Concealed Under the Mattress of His Bed.

POLICE CANNOT ACCOUNT FOR IT.

The Family Saw the Shadows of Two Men in the Yard the Night the Diamonds Came Back—Robbers Were Probably Frightened.

The police of the Cuyler Street Station, Williamsburg, are greatly puzzled over a mysterious robbery of diamonds, valued at \$200, from the house of William F. Utter, at No. 83 Lee Avenue, Thursday last, and the return of the jewels to the family Monday night. The Utter family are as much puzzled over the affair as the police.

The jewels belonged to Mrs. Utter and consisted of a pair of earrings, three diamond finger rings, and a lady's gold chain. The Utters occupy the entire house, Mrs. Utter, with her eight-year-old son, Harold, sleep together in the back parlor, while the other members of the family occupy the two upper floors as sleeping apartments. One of Mrs. Utter's room is the bathroom.

On Thursday evening last when Mrs. Utter went to her bedroom at 10 o'clock she discovered that the diamonds were missing. The jewels were kept in a small box and had been left carelessly upon the bureau. Mrs. Utter told her husband of the theft and the latter at once notified the police of the Cuyler Street Station. Detective Hayes was detailed on the case.

An examination of the house showed that the thief had climbed upon a shed in the rear and entered through the bathroom window. The window was found open.

Nothing else in the room had been disturbed. Detective Hayes at once communicated with the watchmen, giving a description of the missing jewels, but no trace of them could be found.

While the family were seated in the dining room Monday evening discussing the robbery, the shadows of two men were noticed in the back yard from the kitchen window. The aged father of Mr. Utter ran to the yard, but could see no one. This was about 9 o'clock.

Half an hour later the family retired. Mrs. Utter went to her room to bed, and then began to prepare for bed herself. The little fellow had hardly been placed on the mattress when he began to complain that there were lumps in the bed. Mrs. Utter told the child to go to sleep, but he insisted upon the objects being moved from beneath him. The little fellow then got out of bed and raised the mattress.

Peeping between the mattress and the springs he saw the missing jewel box. With a cry of glee the boy shouted to his mother, "Oh, mamma, here is the box!" Mrs. Utter quickly pulled the box from its hiding place, and hastily opening it found her diamonds. Arousing the household, Mrs. Utter exhibited the missing jewels, and there was general rejoicing. How they got there was a mystery. An examination of the house was then made, and the bathroom window was again found open, and the latch which has, since the robbery, locked the bathroom door, broken. The police were notified of the recovery of the diamonds.

Mrs. Utter said last evening that the bed had been thoroughly searched after the robbery was discovered, and no trace of the jewels could be found. She believes that the thieves became frightened and returned them, and that the shadows seen were those of the men as they were leaving the house.

ROSS WANTED A DISCOUNT.
Ward's Island Keeper Who Fired a Pistol on Coney Island Fined \$15.

Columbus Preston Ross, the Ward's Island Asylum keeper, who discharged a revolver at an unknown woman on Henderson's Walk, West Brighton, on Monday afternoon, was taken before Justice J. Lott Nostrand in the West Brighton Police Court yesterday. He pleaded guilty to charges of intoxication and carrying a concealed weapon, and was fined \$15.

"Can't you make that \$15?" the prisoner asked. "I have only \$15, and I want enough to get back to Ward's Island. If I can't get that \$15, I will lose my position."

"Pay the fine or go to jail," was Justice Nostrand's only reply.

Ross paid his fine and departed.

ROUSED THE SURROGATE'S FIRE.
McCorry Was Committed for Contempt, but Was Afterward Released.

Dennis McCorry, a young man, who was so much yesterday at a hearing that he ordered his commitment to jail for contempt. A lawyer intervened and the commitment was rescinded. McCorry promised to answer questions.

The man's wife died at No. 214 Eagle street, Brooklyn, last night, and left her property to her children. McCorry contested the will.

He refused to answer the questions, declaring he knew nothing about the will. The Surrogate decided that the will should stand.

EX-SHERIFF MITCHELL DEAD.
For Many Years He Was a Prominent Democrat in Long Island City.

Ex-Sheriff John J. Mitchell, of Queens County, died at his home, No. 40 East Avenue, Long Island City, Monday, the ex-Sheriff was a brother of the Rev. Father J. H. Mitchell, Chancellor of the Diocese of Brooklyn.

Mr. Mitchell had long been prominent in the Democratic circles of Queens County. Two years ago he made a second race for the office of sheriff, but was defeated by Henry Holt, the present incumbent.

COLLISION AT THE PARK.

Tyler's Wagon Crashed into the Carriage of Warden Shanley at the Boulevard Entrance.

A big steam roller on Avenue A, near the Boulevard, in Brooklyn, yesterday frightened a horse attached to a light road wagon driven by James F. Tyler, who lives on Seventeenth street, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth avenues. Tyler was accompanied by his little daughter, whom he had intended to take through Prospect Park for a drive. The child began to scream as the horse dashed along.

Tyler threw one arm about his child and then tried to bring the horse to a standstill with the other. He jerked away at the reins, but the animal only went on at a more furious pace. As the runaway approached the entrance to the Park several policemen cleared the way.

As the horse dashed into the Park Police-Marshal Marshall toward him. He caught the runaway by the bridle, and clung to it until shaken off.

The steam roller, the runaway ran into a vehicle occupied by Warden George J. Shanley, of the Raymond Street Jail, his wife and two daughters. The women screamed and became hysterical as they were assisted from the vehicle to a place of safety. No one was injured, but both vehicles were more or less damaged.

FRENCH SOCIETY BENEFIT.

Edward Vroom Produces a New Sketch and Operatic Artists Sing.

A dramatic and musical matinee for the benefit of the French Benevolent Society of New York was given at the Fifth Avenue Theatre yesterday and many well-known artists volunteered their services for the occasion. Dramatic interest centered in the first production, "The Kiss," a one-act comedy in verse, translated from the French of Théodore Raoul, and by Charles Reaume. The characters, Pierrot and Uggie, were assumed by Edward Vroom and Minnie Dupree.

Uggie, a fairy, has been turned into an old woman, which she must retain until delivered by the maiden kiss of an unsuspecting youth. She induced Pierrot to kiss her, but he refused. She then became young and beautiful again. Pierrot falls in love with her and begs her to marry him. She, in despair, decides to hang herself, but upon the artistic merit of the sketch was lost by the translator, who dragged local and allusion into the plot.

Reference to bicycles, Aldermen and reporters, while amusing in a sense, robbed the comedy of its poetical tendencies. It was cleverly acted, however, and won sincere applause.

Songs were sung by Victor Caponi, Victor Maurel, Mme. Saville, Pol. Pianon, Victor Dangon and Mackenzie Gordon. Charles Koei gave several recitations, and Maud Powell and J. Pizzarello played solos on violin and piano respectively. The benefit was a financial success.

Laura Sanford's Concert.

Laura Sanford, assisted by Max Clemen and the New-Saplo soprano, and Carl Hugo Engel, violinist, gave a concert at the Hotel Waldorf yesterday. The programme comprised selections from Beethoven, Wagner, and other composers. Sanford played for solos and duets. Mme. Saplo sang, among other numbers, two songs, "Flow, Flow, Flow" and "The Song of the Sea." Miss Sanford played with great delicacy of touch and received hearty accolades.

Chickering Hall Musicals.

A matinee musical was given at Chickering Hall yesterday. Frangene-Davies, the baritone, and H. G. Tucker, pianist, being the soloists. Of the several selections sung by Mr. Davies, "Flow, Flow, Flow" and "The Song of the Sea" were the greatest. The latter ballad was given with a charming brogue and hearty applause. Mr. Tucker gave selections from Chopin, Beethoven, Liszt and Rubinstein, with masterly technique.

Nordica and De Reszke in Concert.

The second Aeolian concert will be given to-morrow afternoon at Mendelssohn and Club Hall. Mme. Nordica and De Reszke are to be the stars. This is the only concert in which De Reszke has consented to appear.

Richard Henry Warren, William C. Karl and Hans Kronold are to be the instrumental soloists.

"Aida" at the Metropolitan.

Mme. Nordica again sang her favorite role of Aida, in Verdi's opera of that name, at the Metropolitan Opera House last night. The audience was large, and more than usually enthusiastic, and the prima donna was recalled after each act.

Mme. Nordica was assisted by Signor Rusticucci, who sang the role of Radamès. They were in excellent voice, and sang the familiar roles with spirit. Signor Rusticucci, a Frenchman, and Mme. Nordica appeared in the other roles.

Amusement Notes.

There has been a souvenir epidemic in the theatres of late. Last night siphons of cognac were given to lady patrons of the Bijou in honor of May.

There was a performance of "The Widow Jones." Tonight heart-shaped silver bouillottes will be given at the Bijou.

Square, where "The Heart of Maryland" is to be played for the twentieth time. The auction sale of boxes and seats for the benefit of the Abbey and Great took place in the Metropolitan Opera House yesterday afternoon. Most of the box holders bought their holdings. The highest price paid for a box was \$200, by William Stein.

Sarah Bernhardt purchased two seats for \$200 each, and Edward Lantier paid \$200 each. Jenn de Reszke bid \$100 for a seat near the stage. The total sum realized from the sale of boxes and seats for the benefit of the Abbey and Great was \$2,000. The grand opera artists are to take part in the benefit.

The first public exhibition of Edison's vitascopes will be given in Koster & Bial's to-morrow night. Life-size figures are projected upon a screen, and go through motions as seen in reality.

Miss Irwin was presented by the company with a gold cigarette case, imbedded in the covers of which were three rows of diamonds and sapphires, twenty-one gems in all. The case was intended as a mascot for her new play, the inch machine, which are connected with a receptacle for the fragrant weed.

Oscar Hammerstein has offered the use of his Opera House for the benefit to be given by George Kraits of the Imperial Mule Hall, on the night of May 3. The offer has been accepted.

The New York Shakespeare Society will give its dinner to Augustin Daly at Delmonico's to-night. Senator Davis of Minnesota will deliver an address if public duties will enable him to leave Washington.

TROLLEY EXPRESS TO RUN IN BROOKLYN.

Heights Company Will Deliver Light Freight for the National Company.

Company Will Build Cars to Carry Bundles to Points Along Its Lines.

THE WAGONS MAY BE RETIRED.

If the Scheme is Successfully Carried Out Dry Goods Houses May Make Use of the Cars for Their Suburban Trade.

The Brooklyn Heights Railroad Company every now and then springs a little surprise on the good people of Brooklyn. Having given them mail cars and theatre cars, it intends now to go into the express business and run trolley express trains all over the city.

It has entered into a contract with the National Express Company for the transportation of its light local business. Articles of a bulky or heavy character will not be accepted.

President Rositter and his official associates of the Heights Company have perfected their plans, and they will be put into execution about July 20 next. Special cars, similar to those used in the mail service, must be built.

The car depots of the company will be used as branch express offices. Wagons will be employed to collect goods intended for delivery and will convey them to the depots.

The idea was first suggested by the Manufacturers' Association. Complaints have been frequently made that express packages are delayed for days after reaching Brooklyn.

President Rositter, of the railroad company, believes that when the new system is in operation a package can be transferred from New York to a Brooklyn address within five or six hours.

About 400 express wagons are used in Brooklyn. The new system will retire many of these. It is believed that some of the dry goods houses will use the new system of express instead of sending wagons out to the suburbs.

DEALER LEVETT ALSO HELD.

He Must Answer a Charge of Receiving Stolen Goods.

Jacob Levett, a dealer in second-hand goods, who lives at No. 55 Rutgers street, New York, was held yesterday for the arrest of the Grand Jury by Justice Goetting, in Williamsburg, on a charge of receiving stolen goods.

A month ago Paul Biller, twenty-four years old, a clerk employed by the August Moll Manufacturing Company, who have their factory in Lynch street, was arrested for stealing a roll of broad.

He admitted the theft, and said he had been robbing the firm systematically for some time. He told the police that the goods were sold to Levett, who had suggested the robbery. Biller is also awaiting the action of the Grand Jury. According to Biller, the amount of his thefts will reach \$4,000.

CONDUCTOR SUES THE ROAD.

Paul Fox Loses Two Fingers by Being Run Over by a Trolley Car.

On the evening of February 23, 1894, the Broadway (Brooklyn) car of which Paul Fox was conductor, was so crowded that he could not pass through to collect fares. He jumped from the rear platform to go to the front and landed in a hole beside the track. His right hand touched the track and a wheel passed over it, cutting off two fingers.

Yesterday he began a suit for \$30,000 against the Brooklyn, Queens County & Suburban Railroad Company. The company claims that there was no hole beside the track as stated.

Mayor Gleason Must Explain.

An order was served on Mayor P. J. Gleason, of Long Island City, yesterday requiring him to appear before Supreme Court Judge Dykman in White Plains, on Thursday, and show cause why Ferdinand H. Batterman should not be reinstated as clerk to the Health Board of Long Island City. With Health Officer Murray, he was suspended last week by the Gleason Board of Health Commissioners. Batterman claims that he was appointed for three years and cannot be removed without cause.

New Bids for Street Cleaning.

City Works Commissioner Willis yesterday received the new bids for street cleaning. There were eight bidders. James Dunne and J. A. McGarry, who are interested in the present contract held by Robert Furey, bid \$17 a mile. Their average is lower than that of their competitors.

Sewing Machine Agent Arrested.

John Gruener, a sewing machine agent, was charged with assault in the Lee Avenue Police Court, Brooklyn, yesterday by Mrs. Isabella Fritz, of No. 218 Rodney street, who said he had clutched her by the throat because she had refused to give up a \$25 machine on which she owned \$2. The hearing was adjourned.

New Manufacturers' Building.

The Manufacturers' Association of Kings and Queens counties will soon erect a handsome building on Montague street, Brooklyn. It will be the building of the Continental Insurance Company on that street. The new structure will cost about \$100,000. It will be four stories high, of Indiana limestone, with terra cotta trimmings.

Witness Tolliver Captured.

Hempstead, L. I., April 21.—Fred Tolliver, who could not be found yesterday when he was wanted as witness in the Powell murder case, was captured to-day at Oyster Bay by Detective Marston. He was taken to the County Jail, where he will be held until Friday, when the case comes up.

Will Imitate Philadelphia.

The residents of the New Utrecht Ward are having their houses numbered, in view of the proposed adoption of the earlier system in that section on May 1. The Philadelphia system will be adopted. Every block will begin with a hundred number.

OLD-TIME LEADER DEAD.

Maurice Fitzgerald, a Follower of Hugh McLaughlin in Brooklyn, the Victim of a Trolley Accident.

Maurice Fitzgerald, formerly County Auditor, and the brother-in-law of Hugh McLaughlin, died at midnight Monday, at No. 94 Concord street, Brooklyn. His death is due to a trolley accident, which occurred a year ago.

Mr. Fitzgerald, who was a very old man, was knocked down by a trolley car on Fulton street, and his spine was injured. From the time of the accident until his death, he was an invalid.

Mr. Fitzgerald was born in Ireland in 1813, and located in Brooklyn in 1833. He joined the navy soon afterward, and became a warrant officer. After leaving the navy, he became chief rigger at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, where Hugh McLaughlin was employed as foreman. He married a sister of the man who afterward became leader of the Kings County Democracy. His wife, Mrs. Nancy Fitzgerald, was, up to the time of her death, eighteen years ago. Mr. Fitzgerald's chief adviser in political matters, was said of her that when he went to Congress and filled other high judicial offices, owed their promotions to Mrs. Fitzgerald.

He was an old friend of Rear Admiral Henry Alden, under whom he served in the navy over half a century ago. He leaves a widow, Mary O'Brien Fitzgerald, whom he married after the death of his first wife. He will be buried to-morrow from St. James's Pro-Cathedral.

His death is the one hundred and fortieth that can be attributed to trolley accidents in Brooklyn.

THE DOG TURNED ON HER.

Aged Mrs. Hawkins Probably Fatally Wounded by the Family Pet She Was Trying to Aid.

Manor, L. I., April 21.—Mrs. Josiah Hawkins, who is sixty years old, is in a critical condition at her home on the Eastport road, about three miles from this village, owing to severe wounds inflicted upon her by the family watch dog. Her husband, who was badly hurt by the animal, was severely injured.

The dog was always rather surly, and bit her once before.

At the time she attacked his mistress she was chained near the house, but as a wagon passed he broke away and started after the wagon.

In addition to her injuries, she sustained a severe shock to her nervous system. The dog was shot at once.

New York Crooks Convicted.

Two New York crooks who were arrested in Jersey City on March 27 for giving Herman Wallman "knockout" drops and then robbing him, were tried and convicted yesterday by Justice Goetting, in Sessions Court. Both gave the name of Joseph Davis. Their pictures are said to be in the Court House Gallery at New York Police Headquarters.

MARINE NEWS.

PORT OF NEW YORK.

ALMANAC TO-DAY.
Sun rises... 5:11 a.m. Moon rises... 3:21 p.m.
Sun sets... 6:40 p.m. Moon sets... 11:21 p.m.
Tide tables for New York Harbor and adjacent waters. High water at Hell Gate is 1 hour and 40 minutes after high water at New York City.

INCOMING STEAMSHIPS.
ARRIVED YESTERDAY.
St. Glenloch (Br., New), Glasgow, Glasgow, April 9, in ballast to Henderson Bros.
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THE HEALTH BOARD BACKS UP THE WOMEN.

Prohibits Expectoration of Tobacco Juice in Cars and Ferryboats.

A Well-Earned Victory for the Health Protective Association of Brooklyn.

NOTICES POSTED IN TROLLEY CARS.

Employees Ordered to Enforce the New Rule—Barroom Habits Must Cease in Public Conveniences—Commissioner Emery's Views.

The agitation of the Women's Health Protective Association, of Brooklyn, for the suppression of the spitting of tobacco juice in cars and public places has been crowned with success. A committee of ladies devoted several weeks to the work of visiting railroad and ferry offices.

They made personal appeals to the officials to co-operate with them in the abolition of the "spitting nuisance" on surface and elevated roads and on ferryboats. The chairman of the committee stated that travel at times was an absolute torture to women and men of good taste. They were appalled to sit opposite or beside men who spat their tobacco juice all about them when travelling. The evil had come so pronounced that some ladies walked rather than ride in cars whose doors reeked with tobacco juice.

The committee also waited on Health Commissioner Emery and enlisted his co-operation. He thereafter every railroad must post the following notice in each car:

"Spitting on the floors of public conveniences is a public nuisance and a source of danger to the public health. It is hereby prohibited. COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH. Employees of this company are hereby notified to enforce the above order of the Health Commissioner. SUPERINTENDENT."

Commissioner Emery sent a personal letter to the railroad presidents yesterday. He said he had been appealed to in the interest of decency and the general welfare of the city to prevent the evil complained of. The practice of spitting in public, Dr. Emery said, was detrimental to health and life itself. He concluded by asking the officials concerned to enforce the law.

The notice has already been posted in the cars of the Atlantic Avenue lines.

NATIVES DRAW THE LINE.

Shelter Island Fishermen Object to East Hamptonites Infringing Upon Their Territory.

Shelter Island, L. I., April 21.—The residents of this town are highly indignant against the encroachments by the residents of East Hampton town, whom it is claimed are devastating the shell fisheries in the harbor of Shelter Island. Three years ago East Hampton town debarred all non-residents from fishing in their harbors. For the past few weeks the shell fisheries here have been remarkably lucrative, and many people from East Hampton have engaged in business to such an extent that Shelter Islanders will suffer from a scarcity of shells.

A special town meeting was held last week, and as a result a petition will be presented to the Board of Supervisors, requesting them to pass some law to protect the fisheries of Shelter Island.

COLOR LINE IN JAMAICA.

Cisco and White Again Arrested Under the Compulsory Education Law.

Jamaica, L. I., April 21.—The color war here is becoming serious. Stephen White and Samuel Cisco, the two negroes who have refused to send their children to school, have again been arrested under the compulsory education law. This makes a second offense and the men are liable to imprisonment or a fine of \$50. Their trial will be held Thursday, before Justice B. Frank.